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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
4,444,310	Odell	Apr. 24, 1984
5,324,489	Nichols et al.	Jun. 28, 1994
5,732,821	Stone et al.	Mar. 31, 1998



FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
International	WO 92/00705	Jan. 23, 1992
International	WO 95/09579	Apr. 13, 1995
Germany	29 52 733	Jul. 2, 1981
EPO	0 513 614	Nov. 19, 1992

The first six references listed above are relevant because they were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP00/06124 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

EP 0 513 614 was subsequently cited by the International Examiner in a written office action (copy enclosed). An English language abstract is attached to EP 0 513 614.

OTHER U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,509,573	Campoli	Apr. 23, 1996

The reference listed above is relevant because it was cited by the German Examiner in Applicant's corresponding German patent application 199 35 986.5 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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